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preliminary amendment:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-24 and add Claims 29 and 30 as follows:

29. A method of controlling a hybrid powertrain, the hybrid powertrain including a

motor generator, an internal combustion engine and a transmission, for a vehicle comprising:

sensing the state of charge of at least one battery;

sensing the temperature of an internal combustion engine;

sensing the temperature of the at least one battery;

controlling the motor-generator operation based upon the state of charge; and

controlling the motor-generator based upon the temperature of the internal combustion

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